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DTE has a written statement from me—I did not want a smart meter because I suffer with Trigeminal Neuralgia. A “NO METER” sign was posted, and a key lock.

A smart meter was installed very early one Saturday morning without any notice. The label said radio turned off. My nerve problem pain has recently intensified, will be happy to get a statement from the Neurologist.

Several letters and phone calls from DTE insisted that If I didn’t sign up for the opt-out plan They would move ahead with the installation. I never agreed to the meter or the opt-out as I was waiting for a hearing on the H.B. #4315. I sent letters to the A.T. Schuette, and members of MPSC. for assistance but never received a reply.

DTE is now charging their opt-out charge of \$9.80 per month. DTE is ALSO charging me additional sales taxes on the \$9.80. This is totally unfair. Please do something to enact a fair decision for all the residents.

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This letter is in response to your letter announcing the new "opt-out" program DTE has established with respect to "smart" electric meters.

Please be advised we do not choose to enroll in the opt-out program as described in your letter because it does not provide a true opt-out as was demanded by over 400 customers and 24 city governments. Your letter states that a "non transmitting digital meter" will be installed, but it is our understanding this meter is an "advanced meter" or "smart meter" with the radio turned off.

We believe your company does not have the right to force installation of any "advanced meter" which will cause customers health problems or invade their privacy. Your tariff, MPSC regulations and state law all give you the right to install a "meter" as that term is defined in the law. The definition of meter does not encompass a surveillance device or a device that may be injurious to health. We insist on the right to have our electricity usage monitored by the traditional analog or electro-mechanical meter, at least until such time as another acceptable alternative can be made available.

We will refuse installation of any "advanced meter". To that end we have posted a sign next to the meter denying such installation, and may take further steps such as the placing of a lock on the meter housing or maintaining a locked gate to deny entry to your installers.

Any retaliatory action by your company, including termination of electrical service, will result in our bringing or joining a lawsuit in defense of our rights at utility customers.

(your signature(s))

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